


OC230979

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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 22 November 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“We request the following information in relation to your agency's use of vehicles (petrol, diesel and electric), taxis and ride-sharing apps:*

- 1. What was the department's Taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?*
- 2. What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*
  - a. If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi*
- 3. What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*
- 4. What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?*
- 5. Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?*
- 6. Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?*
- 7. If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.*
- 8. Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?*
- 9. What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?*
- 10. Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometers traveled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year.”*

I answer each of your questions in turn below. Please note all amounts GST exclusive.

1. *What was the department's Taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) spent \$49,502 for the 2022/23 financial year.

2. *What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Ministry spent \$737 for the 2022/23 financial year.

3. *If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi*

As we have responded to the previous two questions this is not applicable.

4. *What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Ministry's expenditure on public transport for the 2022/23 financial year was \$663.

5. *What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Ministry's other road travel expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year was \$16,007.

6. *Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?*

No.

7. *Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?*

No.

8. *If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.*

The Ministry's policy allows staff to use ridesharing apps or taxis.

9. *Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?*

No.

10. *What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?*

N/a.

11. Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometers traveled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year.

Based on the context of your previous question, I am responding to this question in reference to kilometres travelled by staff for work. The answer to this question is 27,000kms.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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